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Sen. Sanborn proposes fix of proof-of-insurance fee

Lansing — Sen. Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond Township, today introduced Senate Bill 1086 to eliminate a \$300 fee for insured drivers who are ticketed for failing to show proof-of-insurance.

Sanborn said he began work on the bill after hearing constituents' complaints late last fall.

"I received numerous calls from people, who understood charging the fee to those drivers who really were driving without insurance but could not understand why insured drivers that just couldn't find their proof-of-insurance at the time of the traffic stop should have to pay it," Sanborn said. "I didn't have a good explanation, except to say that I agreed with them and that I would introduce legislation to fix what was obviously a mistake in the current law."

Existing law requires drivers who can not show proof-of-insurance at the time of their traffic stop to pay \$300 in "driver responsibility fees," regardless of whether they were truly uninsured or simply unable to locate their proof of insurance.

Sanborn's bill would give those drivers who had insurance but couldn't produce proof at the time of the traffic stop 30 days to take their proof-of-insurance to any Secretary of State branch office in order the fee.

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